



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

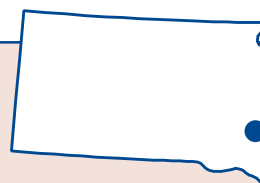
Sioux Falls, SD

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Sioux Falls was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The redevelopment area lies within the city's downtown and encompasses the central business district and residential neighborhoods. The area is home to 18,000 of Sioux Falls' total population of 124,975. While minorities constitute only 8.1 percent of the city, the affected neighborhoods have minority populations that range from 13.4 to 31.5 percent. Unemployment rates in these areas are nearly 63 percent higher than that of the city. Between 12.9 and 21.9 percent of the people in the targeted area live in poverty, compared to a city-wide poverty rate of 8.4 percent. In anticipation of the project, investors are showing interest in major new private developments



Cleanup Grant

**New
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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Sioux Falls for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to remediate the Phillips to the Falls Brownfields Revitalization site, formerly used for scrap-metal salvaging and lead-acid-battery storage for over 50 years. Before that, railroad operations took place on this 16.5-acre property on the downtown riverfront. The site is contaminated with heavy metals, chlorinated organic chemicals, and fuel from old storage tanks. Following cleanup, the site will be used to expand Falls Park and develop an additional access road and utility corridor.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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http://www.epa.gov/region08/land_waste/bfhome/bfhome.html

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

that will bring economic opportunities to the target area, once the park and road improvements on the Phillips to the Falls property are complete.